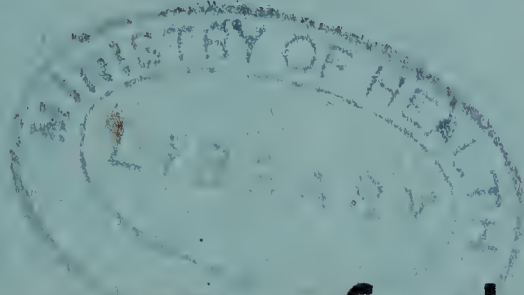


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To The Rugeley Urban District Council . . .

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1952.

The Birth and Death rates compare favourably with the National rates, and while the Infantile Mortality rate and Still Birth rate are higher, this is of little significance in view of the numbers involved.

There was one death from Diphtheria, a non-immunised child. This was the first case of diphtheria in the District since 1947.

Diphtheria immunisation has once again shown its value, no cases of Diphtheria having occurred in immunised children. The good response is largely due to the excellent work of the Health Visitor for the District.

During the year 57 Council houses and 6 Private houses have been built and occupied.

I must thank the members of the Council and their Staff for their co-operation and courtesy.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health.—CHARLES FLEMING, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., who is also Assistant County Medical Officer to the Staffordshire County Council, and Medical Officer of Health to the Tutbury Rural District Council.

Sanitary Inspector.—J. T. G. CRADDOCK, C.S.I.B., C.F.I.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area of the District	...	...	...	...	...	2882 acres
Registrar General's estimate of resident population	...	...	...	...	...	8,422
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£37,810
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	£145
Number of houses inhabited at the end of 1952	...	...	...	...	...	2,507

VITAL STATISTICS

		Total		M.		F.	
		1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
Live Births	...	123	132	63	72	60	60
Legitimate	...	123	128	63	71	60	57
Illegitimate	...	—	4	—	1	—	3

Live Births per 1,000 estimated population ... 14.6

Corrected for age and sex distribution ... 15.04

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 for England and Wales ... 15.3

		Total		M.		F.	
		1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
Stillbirths	...	5	4	4	4	1	0
Legitimate	...	5	4	4	4	1	0
Illegitimate	...	—	—	—	—	—	—

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 population ... 0.59

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 for England and Wales ... 0.35

		Total		M.		F.	
		1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
Deaths	...	84	100	47	50	37	50

Death Rate per 1,000 population ... 9.97

Corrected for age and sex distribution ... 10.67

Death Rate per 1,000 population England and Wales 11.3

Deaths from Cancer ... 14

Deaths from Measles ... —

Deaths from Whooping Cough ... —

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ... —

Deaths from Puerperal Causes ... —

INFANTILE MORTALITY

(Under 1 year of age)

			Total		M.		F.	
			1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
Deaths ...	...	...	5	7	2	6	3	1
Legitimate	...	...	5	6	2	5	3	1
Illegitimate	...	...	—	1	—	1	—	—
							1952	1951
Infantile Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)							39.06	53.02
England and Wales ...							22.6	29.6

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks

								M.	F.
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—

Maternal Mortality

No deaths from Maternal cause were registered.

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Immunisation against Diphtheria

Immunisation has been carried out as before at the Infant Welfare Centre and among entrants to Infants Schools.

The records are now in charge of the Area Medical Officer and doubtless will be commented on in his Annual Report.

Primary Immunisations : Under 5—134; Over 5—59.

Reinforcing Doses : 208.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1952

			Cases Notified		Admitted to Hospital		Total Deaths	
			1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
Scarlet Fever	...	...	16	39	2	17	—	Nil
Diphtheria	...	...	1	Nil	1	Nil	1	Nil
Whooping Cough	...	...	39	52	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Measles	...	...	12	16	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Acute Pneumonia	...	...	Nil	8	Nil	Nil	6	4
Cerebo Spinal Fever	...	...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Acute Poliomyelitis—								
Paralytic	...	...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Non-Paralytic	...	...	2	1	2	1	Nil	Nil
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Paratyphoid Fever "B"	...	...	Nil	1	Nil	1	Nil	Nil

Analysis of Infectious Diseases classified according to age

Age Groups	...	Under 1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over
Scarlet Fever	...	—	2	2	8	3	1	—
Whooping Cough	...	5	3	11	19	—	1	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis								
Paralytic	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-Paralytic	...	—	—	—	—	1	—	1

		Under 5	5-14	15-44	45-64	65 and over
Acute Pneumonia	...	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever "B"	...	—	—	—	—	—

TUBERCULOSIS

At the end of 1952 there were 49 cases (1951—48) on register.

MALES

FEMALES

Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory
17 (16)	12 (12)	11 (11)	9 (9)

No deaths from T.B. occurred during the year.

It is now no longer obligatory to keep the Register but a register will be kept in the interests of the community and the patients.

DEATHS FROM CANCER for the year ended Dec. 31st, 1952

		Age Groups								
		Under 26	26- 35	36- 45	46- 55	56- 65	66- 75	75- 85	Over 85	Totals
Males	...	—	—	—	1	4	2	0	0	7
Females	...	—	—	—	1	3	2	1	0	7

HOUSING ACT 1936

The following 14 dwellings (in respect of which you have put on Demolition or Closing Orders, or accepted undertakings not to relet) are still in occupation :—

Owens, Brereton Fields, October, 1939	...	Demolition
Coughlin, Brereton Fields, October, 1939	...	„
1 Brook Square, 15th February, 1946	...	Closing Order

29 Horse Fair, June, 1946	...	...	...	Undertaking
29a Horse Fair, June, 1946	...	...	...	„
9 Sandy Lane, 9th August, 1946	...	...	...	„
11 Sandy Lane, 9th August, 1946	...	...	...	„
3 Brook Square (Top Flat), 18th Dec., 1947	...	...	...	„
Whittaker, Love Lane, 16th July, 1952	...	...	...	Demolition
Threadgold, Love Lane	...	...	...	Undertaking
17 Sheep Fair	...	...	...	„
19 Sheep Fair	...	...	...	„
21 Sheep Fair	...	...	...	„
78 Sheep Fair, 30th March, 1951	...	...	...	„

The following 8 dwelling houses are not occupied but are subject to Demolition Orders or undertakings not to relet.

22 Sheep Fair, 24th July, 1951	...	...	...	Undertaking
7 Brook Side, 16th October, 1946	...	...	...	Demolition
4 Armitage Road, 20th December, 1950	...	...	...	„
6 Armitage Road, 20th December, 1950	...	...	...	„
Cox's Bungalow, Fortescue Lane, 7th May, 1951	...	...	...	„
13 Sandy Lane	...	...	...	Undertaking
22a Sheep Fair, 18th June, 1952	...	...	...	Demolition
32 Sheep Fair, 18th June, 1952	...	...	...	„

In my opinion, in addition to these dwellings, at least another fifty dwelling-houses should be considered for Demolition immediately you are in a position to rehouse them.

UNFIT HOUSES

During the year seven houses were found to be so unfit as to be unsuitable for human habitation.

They were as follows :—

Whittaker, Love Lane	...	...	Demolition Order.
Threadgold, Love Lane	...	...	Owner has given an undertaking not to relet.
32 Sheep Fair	...	...	Demolition Order.
22a Sheep Fair	...	...	Demolition Order.
17, 19 and 21 Sheep Fair	...	...	Owner has given an undertaking not to relet when vacated until the houses are made fit to the Council's satisfaction.

CAUSES OF DEATH					Males	Females
ALL CAUSES					47	37
1	Tuberculosis of respiratory system ...				1	—
2	Other forms of tuberculosis				—	—
3	Syphilis				—	—
4	Diphtheria				1	—
5	Whooping cough				—	—
6	Meningococcal infections				—	—
7	Acute poliomyelitis				—	—
8	Measles				—	—
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases				—	—
10	(Malignant neoplasm, stomach				1	—
11	(Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus				1	—
12	(Malignant neoplasm, breast				—	3
13	(Malignant neoplasm, uterus				—	—
14	(Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms				5	4
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia				—	—
16	Diabetes				—	—
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system ...				5	8
18	Coronary disease, angina				4	2
19	Hypertension with heart disease ...				—	1
20	Other heart disease				7	7
21	Other circulatory disease				3	—
22	Influenza				—	—
23	Pneumonia				4	2
24	Bronchitis				4	1
25	Other disease of respiratory system ...				1	—
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum				—	1
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...				—	2
28	Nephritis and nephrosis				1	—
29	Hyperplasia of prostate				1	—
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion				—	—
31	Congenital malformations				1	—
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases				4	5
33	Motor vehicle accidents				2	—
34	All other accidents				—	1
35	Suicide				1	—
36	Homicide and operations of war				—	—
Special causes (included in No. 35 above)—						
Smallpox						
Poliomyelitis						
Polioencephalitis						
Deaths of (Total					2	3
Infants —(Legitimate					2	3
under 1 year (Illegitimate					—	—
Live Births (Total					63	60
—(Legitimate					63	60
(Illegitimate					—	—
Stillbirths (Total					4	1
—(Legitimate					4	1
(Illegitimate					—	—
Population					8,422	

FACTORY ACT 1937

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number of			
	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	5	10	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) to which Section 7 applies				
(a) Subject to the Local Authorities (Transfer of Enforcement) Order, 1938 ...	—	—	—	—
(b) Others ...	34	42	2	—
(iii) Other Premises under the Act (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	39	52	2	—

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	1	1	—	1	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	2	2	—	1	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework) ...	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	3	3	0	2	0

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
CHARLES FLEMING,
Medical Officer of Health.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of presenting my 22nd Annual Report dealing with the work carried out in my department during 1952.

Closet Accommodation

The town area is mostly sewered, only eleven houses have not been converted to the water carriage system. There are a few cases in the district of closets having no flushing apparatus.

BRERETON SEWERAGE SCHEME

So far 283 properties out of the 342 have been connected to the new sewerage scheme.

The number of visits paid in connection with the giving of advice and the examination and testing of new drains was 250.

There is no sewer available in the Wolseley Road, Etching Hill, Slitting Mill and Hednesford Road areas, where the closet accommodation is as follows :—

Wolseley Road area.

39 premises with W.C.'s to Cesspools.

Etching Hill area.

94 premises with W.C.'s to Cesspools.

12 premises with pail closets.

2 premises with privy middens.

Slitting Mill area.

14 premises with W.C.'s to Cesspools.

25 premises with pail closets.

8 premises with privy middens.

Hednesford Road area.

44 Premises with W.C.'s to Cesspools.

3 premises with privy middens.

Swimming Baths

There are no private swimming baths or pools in the area.

Public Cleansing

(a) **Dry House Refuse.**—The whole of the refuse of the district is removed by the Council's workmen in two covered vehicles, once every week. The Council carry out Controlled Tipping at the new tip at the top of Springhill Terrace.

(b) **Contents of Pail Closets, Cesspools, etc.**—This is conveyed from the premises in a special trailer sludge tank. The pail closets are emptied at night once every week. 88 cesspools were emptied by the Council's workmen during the year, and the Mount Road tank was emptied 3 times.

Sanitary Improvements and Notices

Number of visits during the year, either in connection with Infectious Disease, or in course of investigating complaints, or in carrying out surveys amount to 2,931.

Number of **Statutory Notices** complied with. 117 as follows :—

Public Health Act, 1936

Section 39.	Defective or insufficient drainage	...	...	...	38
Section 44.	Insufficient closet accommodation	...	...	...	41
Section 45.	Defective closet accommodation	...	...	...	11
Section 75.	Provision of new dustbins	...	...	...	2
Section 83.	Houses cleansed or redecorated	...	...	...	1
Section 93.	Houses made fit or repaired	...	...	...	16
Section 138.	Water supply over sink	...	...	...	6
Section 7.	Factory Act, 1937. Closet accommodation	...	...	...	2

Number of **Intimatory or Verbal Notices** complied with. 204 as follows:—

Dwelling houses made fit or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	13
Obstructed drains cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	29
Drains amended in construction	...	...	...	...	...	5
Water closet basins renewed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Water closet cisterns repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	29
Closet structure repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
Water supply and flushing apparatus provided to water closets without flush	...	...	...	...	...	0
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	...	21
New drainage constructed and connected to the new sewer	...	...	...	...	...	75
Animals improperly kept	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cesspools emptied or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	4
Burst water piping	...	...	...	...	...	7
Offensive accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dirty Houses	...	...	...	...	...	0
Caravans causing nuisance	...	...	...	...	...	0

Food and Drugs Act 1938

Walls of premises made washable	...	...	...	...	...	2
Premises redecorated	...	...	...	...	...	5
Additional lighting provided	...	...	...	...	...	—
Additional ventilation provided	...	...	...	...	...	—
Provision of receptacles for refuse	...	...	...	...	...	4
Sanitary conveniences repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
Washing facilities provided	...	...	...	...	...	1

Premises and Occupations which can be controlled by By-Laws or Regulations

The Council have By-Laws for Common Lodging Houses. There are no Common Lodging Houses in this District. There is a Tannery in the district. There are no underground sleeping places in the district. There are no By-Laws for:—Houses-let-in-Lodgings, tents, vans, sheds, etc., offensive trades, or Lodgings and accommodation for Hop-pickers

Schools

In Rugeley Town and Brereton the sanitary conveniences are on the water carriage system. The Slitting Mill Schools have privy middens. The water supply to all the schools is received from the Council's mains.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

There are no premises in the district which are controllable by the Council under the Act, viz., Registered Premises, where filling materials are used in the manufacture of bedding, toys, upholstery, etc., or Licensed Premises, where rag flock is (a) manufactured or (b) stored for distribution to Registered Premises.

Housing

1. Unfit Dwelling Houses

Inspection—	
(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health Acts or Housing Acts	204
Number of inspections made for that purpose	621
(2) Number of Houses inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	97
Number of inspections made for that purpose	301
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as being unfit for human habitation ...	4
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under previous sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation	85

2. Remedy of Defects without Service of Formal Notices

Number of defected dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	1
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3. Action under Statutory Powers

A.—Proceedings under Housing Act, 1936, Sections 9 and 10.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served and requiring repairs	84
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices:—	
(a) By owners	84
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	0

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Act, 1936.

See Sanitary Improvements and Notices.

C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	3
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	3
(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which the Council accepted undertakings from the owners not to let them for human habitation	1
(4) Number of dwelling houses demolished. They were houses in respect of which owners had given undertakings not to relet ...	0

Improvements resulting from above Notices

Internal dampness. Remedied	53 cases
Defective eaves guttering and downpipings repaired or renewed	33 cases
Defective plastering made good and sound	81 cases
Roofing made weathertight	30 cases
Doors, repaired and made weathertight	24 cases

Windows, provision of larger and remedying defective frames of existing	35 cases
Ranges repaired or renewed	24 cases
Staircases repaired and handrails provided	16 cases
External brickwork—repointing where necessary	55 cases
Drainage—repairs	1 case
Floors (internal) repaired	19 cases
Chimneys (rebuilt or repointed)	32 cases
Chimneys—provision of new pots	3 cases
Copper—repair of brickwork and fire-boxes	2 cases
Sinks, waste pipes and sink gullies repaired or renewed ...	23 cases
Downdraught of ranges—remedied	5 cases
Yard paving repaired	2 cases
	438 cases

Rodent Control

The work of dealing with infestations has been carried out throughout the year under my supervision.

In all 215 visits were made by the part-time Rodent Operative in carrying out investigations and treatments.

The baiting of sewers was again carried out and slight infestations still persist in some of the older sewers.

Salvage of Waste

Up to the end of May, 1952, 15 tons, 2 cwt. of paper and 3 tons, 1 cwt. of scrap iron and rags was collected, baled and disposed of. No paper has been sold since May, 1952.

The baling was carried out by a part-time baling operative at the Springhill Tip.

CARAVANS

Public Health Act, 1936. Section 269

There are twenty caravans licensed under the above Act within the Urban District.

No nuisance has resulted from the caravans during the year.

The names of those holding licenses and the site of each caravan are as follows :—

Mr. W. L. Cresswell	...	Hagley Hall.
Mrs. N. E. Letch	...	Rear of "Wynberg," Armitage Road.
Mr. D. Upton	...	Heathfields Farm, Etching Hill.
Mr. J. L. Harris	...	Palfreyman's Yard, Sheep Fair.
Mr. A. K. Cresswell (2)	...	" " " "
Mr. M. Dean	...	" " " "
Mr. D. Barber	...	" " " "
Mr. S. T. Caddick	...	Ravenhill Terrace.
Mr. J. L. Meehan	...	Eaton Lodge, Wolseley Road.
Mr. W. A. Blood	...	Rear of "Adelaide House," Armitage Road.
Mr. A. B. Brown	...	Rear of Brereton Levels Stores.
Mr. J. H. Howes (2)	...	Rear of "Kentish," Etching Hill.
Mr. J. Godden	...	Rear of 34 Green Lane.
Mr. S. A. Eadon	...	Lea Hall Colliery.
Mr. A. Wayman	...	" " " "
Mr. C. W. H. Robson	...	42 Bow Street.
Mr. A. E. Meacham	...	"Inglemels," Garden Drive.
Mr. G. Hill	...	"Sunnybank," Slitting Mill.
Mr. N. Williams	...	Palfreyman's Yard, Sheep Fair.

Inspection and Supervision of Food

- (a) **Milk Supply**—In the district we have registered three retail purveyors who are not cowkeepers. We have three other retail purveyors whose dairies are situated outside our district. The Staffordshire County Council carried out the sampling and examination of milk for Bacterial contents and for tubercle bacilli.

Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949 Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949

Dealers' licences granted under these Regulations authorising the use of a Special Designation are held by the following:—

Rugeley Co-operative Society	" Pasteurised Milk," " Tuberculin Tested Milk (Pasteurised)" and " Sterilised Milk."
Mr. R. Grimley, Colton ...	" Tuberculin Tested Milk " and " Pas- teurised Milk."
Mrs. M. L. Carney, Rugeley	" Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)," " Pasteurised Milk " and " Sterilised Milk."
Mr. C. A. Pratt, Rugeley ...	" Pasteurised Milk " and " Tuberculin Tested Milk."
Mr. C. Southwell, Hednesford Rd., Rugeley	" Tuberculin Tested Milk " and " Sterilised Milk."
Mr. A. C. Conway, Armitage	" Pasteurised Milk," " Tuberculin Tested Milk," and " Sterilised Milk."

- (b) **Ice Cream**—In the district we have 17 premises registered for the sale of ice-cream and seven premises registered for the manufacture and sale of ice-cream. All the premises comply with the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

- (c) **Preserved and etc. food premises**—In the district we have eleven premises registered.

- (d) **Meat and other foods**—

Number of visits to Slaughter Houses, Butchers' Shops, Grocery and Vegetable Shops, Fish Shops, Stalls, etc. ...	1872
Number of Statutory Notices complied with in connection with (a), (b), (c) and (d) ...	0
Number of Informal Notices complied with in connection with (a), (b), (c) and (d) ...	15

Other Foods

The following were found to be unfit for human consumption :—

12 tins Ham, 262 tins Fruit, 209 tins Tomatoes, 47 tins Soup, 28 tins Fish, 11 stones Fish, 7 boxes Fish, 73 tins Meat, 21 tins Beans, 84 tins Peas, 10 tins Macedoine, 83 tins Milk, 3 tins Jam, 15 tins Marmalade, 1 tin Spaghetti and Sausage, 72 jars Tomato Paste, 1 jar Meat Paste, 1 jar Mayonaise, 1 jar Pickled Cabbage, 2 bottles Sauce, 3 packets Cake Powder, 1 packet Salt, 55lb. Cheese, 51 packets Cheese, 8lb. Butter, 18lb. Sausage, 4½lb. Biscuits, 1 carton Sago, 109 Pork Pies, 700 Eggs.

- (e) **Adulteration, etc.**—This is not an authority for enforcing the Acts and Regulations referred to under this head.
- (f) **Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food.**—The Staffordshire County Council has provided laboratories and carry out such work.

PARKER'S CASUALTY SLAUGHTER-HOUSE
Carcases Inspected and Condemned

		Horses	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number of killed	...	560	—	42	—	5	—
Number inspected	...	560	—	42	—	5	—
All disease except T.B.							
Whole carcases con- demned	...	3	—	9	—	3	—
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned							
...	...	65	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the No inspected affected with disease other than T.B.							
...	...	12.1%	—	21.4%	—	60%	—
Tuberculosis only. Whole carcases condemned							
.	—	—	—	24	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned							
...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with T.B.							
...	...			57.1%			

SLAUGHTER HOUSES AND KNACKERS' YARDS
Food and Drugs Act, 1938, Section 57.

There are three slaughter houses and one knacker's yard licensed under the above Act within the district. They are as follow :—

Slaughterhouse, Love Lane. Owner Mr. A. Parker.
Slaughterhouse, Upper Brook Street. Owner Mr. R. Sanders.
Slaughterhouse, Horse Fair. Owner Mr. Astbury.
Knacker's Yard, Turkeyshall Lane. Owner Mr. A. Parker.

SLAUGHTER-MEN
Slaughter of Animals Acts, 1933 and 1951

The following is a list of persons licensed to slaughter or stun animals in slaughter-houses and knackers' yards.

Mr. A. Astbury, Holly Lodge, Sandy Lane, Rugeley.
Mr. J. Coates, Anson Street, Rugeley.
Mr. E. E. Upton, Wolseley Road, Rugeley.
Mr. G. Parker, Bridge House, Love Lane, Rugeley.
Mr. P. Parker, Bridge House, Love Lane, Rugeley.
Mr. J. V. Toy, 14 Upper Brook Street, Rugeley.
Mr. D. O. Sanders, Horse Fair, Rugeley.
Mr. A. E. Chinnock, 75 Queen Street, Rugeley.
Mr. R. W. Wallbank, 7 Mossley, Rugeley.
Mr. S. R. Sanders, 30b Horse Fair, Rugeley.
Mr. T. E. Jones, 4 Church Street, Rugeley.
Mr. R. A. Spencer, Springfield Avenue, Rugeley.
Mr. J. K. Rosser, 39 Newman Grove, Rugeley.
Mr. J. Bentley, 54 Lion Street, Rugeley.
Mr. B. Savage, Brewery Yard, Great Haywood.
Mr. C. Harvey, Westfields Cottage, Armitage.
Mr. K. A. Hollins, 48 Queen Street, Rugeley.
Mr. F. Southwell, " Hillcrest," Hednesford Road, Rugeley.

Water Supply

The Council obtain their water in bulk from the South Staffordshire Water Company. This supply has been satisfactory (a) in quality, and (b) in quantity.

In addition to the samples we submit to the County Analyst and County Bacteriologist, the Water Works Company take frequent samples of the raw water for bacteriological and chemical examination (a) before treatment, (b) after treatment, and (c) from taps in our district.

The supply is a constant one, and does not have a plumbo-solvent action.

The only action in respect of any form of contamination during the year was the replacement of a contaminated well at Bower Lane, Etching Hill by the public supply, and the replacement of a contaminated supply to a condemned house at Brereton Fields by the public supply.

The following are reports of samples of the Council's Public Water Supply:—

ANALYST'S REPORT—

	Parts per 100,000
Total solid matter dried at 212° F.	31.0
Free and Saline Ammonia	0.0006
Albuminoid	0.0008
Nitric Nitrogen	0.50
Chlorine	2.45
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 80° F.	0.008
Appearance—No colour.	
Injurious Metallic contamination	Nil
pH Value	7.3
Total Hardness	14.2°
Permanent Hardness	6.2°
Temporary Hardness	8.0°

REMARKS:—This water is chemically of satisfactory quality.

BACTERIOLOGIST'S REPORT—

Probable number of coliform bacilli, Mac Conkey 2 days, 37° C.:—
Nil per 100 m.l.

It is estimated that 2,507 dwelling houses occupied by 8,422 persons are supplied from the public mains. As far as these houses are concerned, 2,493 dwelling houses occupied by 8,383 persons have the supply directly over the sinks. The remaining 14 houses occupied by 39 persons obtain the public supply from stand pipes in the yards. During the year 6 houses which obtained their supply from stand pipes have had the water supply put over the sinks.

Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936.

Petroleum (Mixtures) Order, 1929.

During the year new regulations were approved with respect to the keeping of petroleum spirit or petroleum mixtures. The Chief Fire Officer of the Staffordshire County Fire Brigade also made recommendations after inspecting all premises where it was proposed to keep petroleum spirit. Licences were granted subject to the licensees complying with the Council's regulations and the Chief Fire Officer's recommendations.

The premises licensed within the Urban District are listed below:—

Palfreyman's Yard, Sheep Fair—Mr. F. Palfreyman ...	500 gallons
Garage, Brereton Road—Messrs. J. Edwards & Son ...	2,500 gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road—Messrs. J. S. Pendlebury & Son ...	2,000 gallons
Garage, Anson Street—Fred Degg Ltd.	1,000 gallons
Garage, Bees Lane—Mr. F. Stevens	1,300 gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road—Mr. J. Carney	2,500 gallons

British Road Services Depot, Wolseley Road	...	...	2,000	gallons
Mr. D. Rowley, Main Road, Brereton	...	...	750	gallons
Brereton Colliery, National Coal Board	...	...	500	gallons
Garage, Market Street—Mr. B. Oakley	...	...	1,000	gallons
Garage, Armitage Road—Mr. A. R. Harding	...	...	2,500	gallons
Garage, Elmore Lane—Messrs. M. A. & C. J. Whieldon	...	...	1,000	gallons
Brereton Wharves Ltd., Wharf Road	...	...	500	gallons
Mr. C. S. Hulse, "Stoneleigh," Etching Hill	...	...	250	gallons
Mr. A. Parker, Bridge House, Love Lane	...	...	500	gallons
British Electronic Products, Ravenhill	...	...	200	gallons
Carney Bros., Brewery Street	...	...	500	gallons
Stokes & Co., Phoenix Tannery, Bryans Lane	...	...	1,500	gallons
Rugeley Industrial Co-operative Society Ltd.	...	...	750	gallons
Midlands Electricity Board, Albion Street	...	...	250	gallons
Staffordshire Fire Brigade, Taylors Lane	...	...	40	gallons

HOUSING POINTS SCHEME

During 1950 I called on 247 applicants in consequence of the Council's Housing Points Scheme. Since then there have been numerous revisits and meetings to bring the points up to date.

These visits were made to ascertain (1) Possible overcrowding; (2) Possible sexual overcrowding; (3) Condition of properties, and (4) The particulars necessary for ascertaining the remaining points to be allotted.

The following conditions were recorded by me on the special housing enquiry form which I had formulated :—

Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	145 cases
Sexual overcrowding	...	...	...	...	23 cases
Properties in an unfit state	...	...	...	...	34 cases

The scale adopted for the assessment of points for general overcrowding and sexual overcrowding was that laid down in the Housing Act, 1936, with the following modifications:—

1. In calculating sex overcrowding it was assumed that the accommodation was sexually overcrowded if the man and wife were compelled to separate for sleeping purposes to prevent adults of opposite sexes from sleeping in the same room.
2. Under the Housing Act, living rooms are counted as well as bedrooms, but under this scheme the first living room was ignored.
3. Under the Housing Act, a house shall be deemed to be overcrowded if "**any two persons**, being of 10 years old or more of opposite sexes, and not being persons living together as man and wife must sleep in the same room." It will be seen that this applies to cases where **two persons** are over ten years. Points were therefore given under paragraph 7 to cover cases where there is one person over ten and another person of the opposite sex under ten years of age sleeping in the same room.
4. Points were also given under paragraph 7 for overcrowding caused by the presence of the applicant's family **although not themselves overcrowded**.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. T. G. CRADDOCK

